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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: )  
Blatter )  
Serial No.: 10/706,245 ) Art Unit  
Filed: November 12, 2003 ) 3731  
For: STAPLE AND ANVIL ANASTOMOSIS SYSTEM )  
Examiner: Julian W. Woo )

SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 22 of this paper.**

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